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Valley Center Community Planning Group

Minutes for the January 21, 2009 Special Meeting VC Roads

Chairman: Oliver Smith Vice Chairman: Ann Quinley Secretary: Christine Lorraine
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

7:00 pm at the Valley Center Primary School, 14249 Fruitvale Road, Valley Center CA 92082

A=Absent Ab=Abstain AI=Agenda Item BOS=Board of Supervisors DPLU=Department of Planning and Land Use IAW=In Accordance
With N=Nay P=Present SC=Subcommittee TBD=To Be Determined VCCPG=Valley Center Community Planning Group Y=Yea

Forwarded to Members:

Approved:

| 1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Seat #: | | | | | | | | | | | 07:07 PM | | | |
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Appendices to these Minutes: None (0)

Total Number of Pages Comprising this report: Three (3)

Notes:

Quorum Established: 12

Yes (X)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Open Forum: Requests to Speak (0)

4. Background:

VCCPG Chairman, Oliver Smith - Handouts: GP2020 Circulation Element Framework, 2008
ADT SD County Standard Road Configuration Tables
Smith outlined VCCPG past efforts to find workable road solutions. The 2006 decision made by
VCCPG to widen Cole Grade Road has been called into question by increasingly apparent need to
build an east/west collector road between Cole Grade and 395/I-15. This connector would lighten
the traffic load on Cole Grade and provide additional emergency evacuation route.
Chairman Smith hopes to build a consensus in the VC community regarding road priorities.

5. Preliminary Proposal from GPU and Mobility/Circulation Subcommittees

Motion:

Whereas, Both sub-committees unanimously recommend the VCCPG approve the following:

"In order for the VCCPG to support the current Draft General Plan update, it is essential for the
County to resume the planning process in conjunction with our Community Plan process so that
Valley Center's Mobility, Land Use and Safety Elements, as well as all the other elements, are
internally consistent and balanced."

Comment/Discussion - Planning Board

D. Hofler - The history of road planning with the County was initially based on achieving a balance
between population density and the size of roads, also known as the iterative process.
Currently there is no equity mechanism in place for property owners impacted by density.
We are mandated to accept more density as part of our shared projected population growth.
Currently, Cole Grade at 2 lanes can handle almost 15,000 ADT and may be capable of handling
greater traffic needs particularly if turn lanes and other enhancements can be made to the road.
It is important for all concerned to know this is not the final opportunity to have our say about our
roads. More and better information is needed. Currently. We do not have enough information to
make appropriate decisions.

R. Rudolf – The iterative process, in place when we first started on the GP Update, has been lost and we need to start over. We need to review the land use process to ensure that roads do not fail or are not over-built.

The GPU Committee has reviewed all elements of the County's GP Update except the Mobility/Circulation elements. We have reviewed over 500 pages and we do not have enough information from the County or the Community. We will come back to the public many times more before finalizing our Community Plan.

The VCCPG has persistently asked for Rural Road Standards and it seems we could now get them from the County. Rural Road Standards will allow for more context sensitive road design.

6. Comments/Discussion from Public in attendance:

Larry Glavanic (Ava Lane)- There are roads where we have no choice but to expand to 4 lanes in the interest of public safety. Hand-out: HSIS Summary Report – "Safety Effects of the Conversion of Rural Two-Lane Roadways to Four-Lane Roadways"

Carl Brucks (Rivoli Rd) – He recalls that a motion was passed by VCCPG to build 4 lanes on Cole Grade. It is a mess at school time.

Chairman Smith (response to Brucks) – He would point out that since that decision the criteria has changed. An East/West corridor is now a part of our considerations.

Craig Johnson – Four lanes does not solve our traffic problems. We value our natural environment. Why did we move to Valley Center if we destroy our environment?

Harvey Mitchell (Ridge Ranch Rd) – Has lived in VC for 30 years. With our increased traffic, 2 lane major roads invite disaster. A viable community needs efficient flow of traffic and emergency roads to accommodate everyone safely.

Scott Geinzer (White Star Lane) – Currently there are 3 lanes in front of the high school and it is unsafe. The turn lane is a "suicide lane". During fire emergency evacuation the road was congested. We should not settle for less than the best for our community and we should go for the most road for the highest density we can get.

Jon Vick (McNally Rd) – There are a lot of things we can do to have roads that work and are what we need and want. Reduced density means reduced traffic. Hand-outs: 2 circulation maps

John Landen (Cole Grade Rd) - We must have an east/west road now. High school traffic flow can be improved with scheduling or other changes. He suggests a joint meeting with the HS Board.

David Duggan (Cole Grade Rd) – The road only fails twice a day with the school traffic. If we had east/west roads bus trips would be dramatically shortened and traffic flow improved.

Chairman Smith (comment) - Per his discussions with VC High Superintendent, Lou Obermeyer, 42% of students use school buses, 58% drive or are driven.

Claire Plotner – East/West connector would alleviate traffic congestion. Fire evacuation should make this road a priority. 3A and 3B should be completed, keep in easements and correct property boundaries. This road is necessary for individuals living around the north end of Cole Grade Rd.

Janet Wohl (Chapparral Terrace)- written comment: "I am against the widening of Cole Grade Rd."

Patsy Fritz (McNally Rd) – VCCPG should be planning roads jointly with the VC Fire Protection District. We need staging areas for fire vehicles. We should continue to work with the VC School District for off-site "park & bus"

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| D. Hofler – Asked for a show of hands from public attending (app. 32 persons) whether they would prefer 1) 4 lanes on Cole Grade Rd. – (Response - 8 yes) 2) 2 lane Cole Grade with east/west connector – (Response - almost unanimously yes) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Maker/Second: Rudolf/Hofler | | | | | | | | Carries: 12-0-0 | | | | | | |
| Motion: "Whereas, the VCCPG requires adequate additional information from DPLU as part of the planning process, until and unless this information is provided, the VCCPG can not make any individual road recommendations nor can the VCCPG endorse any recommendations made by the County of San Diego in the Mobility Element of the Draft General Plan Update and its appendices" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Discussion/Comments: None | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Maker/Second: Hofler/Rudolf | | | | | | | | Carries: 12-0-0 | | | | | | |
| 8. Motion to Adjourn: 8:50 pm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maker/Second: Rudolf/Hofler | | | | | | | | Voice Vote: 12-0-0 | | | | | | |

APPENDICES: None

Respectfully Submitted Feb. 5,2009

Secretary, Christine Lewis